GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INDIA`S PARTICIPATION IN TAP PIPELINE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been invited to join the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan (TAP) gas pipeline project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(d) the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d): An Indian delegation led by the Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas visited Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on 14-15 February, 2006 to participate in the 9th Steering Committee Meeting of TAP project as an `Observer`. The Steering Committee invited India to become an official member of the project. The Government has since accorded `in principle` approval to the proposal for India joining the TAP project. The matter has been taken up with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to appropriately take up India`s request for joining the project with the Governments of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan.